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Interview Summary

Examiner Solola telephoned the undersigned attorney with objections to the wording of some of the claims. The examiner indicated that the claims were otherwise patentable. The Examiner and the undersigned attorney agreed that the following expressions would be changed as explained below:

- (1) "comprising" in claims directed to generic classes of chemical compounds: It was agreed that "containing" would be used in these instances.
- (2) "comprising" in claims directed to methods of treatment: since these claim a step of a method of treating a patient, it was agreed that these would be changed to "comprising the step of administering."
- (3) The Examiner objected to the description of an optional spiro-cycloalky substitutent on cycloalkyl rings "where gem-disubstitution of a ring carbon is possible". It was agreed that the phrase in quotes would be deleted, since the meaning of the claim is clear without the phrase.
- (4) The Examiner objected to the description of atoms in the "perimeter of the ring." It was agreed that "perimeter of the" would be deleted in these claims, since it was already clear that these atoms were part of the structure of the ring rather than being substituents.

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REMARKS

The changes discussed above have been made in the claims. It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. A timely Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner wishes to discuss any matter relating to this application he is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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